

OUR LAND  
AND WATER

Toitū te Whenua,  
Toiora te Wai

# The Collaboration Lab

The transformative role of collaboration in managing our land  
and water



# Why is the work needed?

Collaborative processes seem difficult and expensive, do they deliver better outcomes?

*"We need to collect on-going evaluation otherwise things that were a big deal at the time become part of the wallpaper"*

*"Whakawhanaugatanga - Collaboration brings us into relationship with each other"*

*"There is so much knowledge in people's heads at the leading edges of collaborative practice"*

*"We have already started... to change the role of science and scientists... but there is more we need to do in terms of integration... other knowledge sources, and translation ... and... we are not documenting how we are doing this interdisciplinary work, only the results of it"*

# The research and capacity-building aims

- i) to understand how collaborative practice contributes to multiple outcomes
- ii) to build evidence on whether collaboration is successful in delivering multiple outcomes
- iii) to enhance understanding of critical factors that affect the impact of research in land and water
- iv) to build collaborative practice and capacity in New Zealand for both collaboration practitioners and researchers



# Why a Collaboration Lab?


*"To get change we have to connect science with people on the ground"*

*"Collaboration is becoming a defining part of New Zealanders"*

*"There is a need to redefine who the researchers are in the area of collaborative practice – I am trialling things, learning, reflecting and changing my practice every day"*

*"Ranga is a key concept for the Lab, both the form and content. Weaving people and knowledge to create new knowledge and capacity"*

# The participants



## Collaboration Lab and research team

### Trustees

- Alister Bisley (LAWF),
- Ken Taylor (ECan, OLW)
- Roger Bannister (MfE)

### Collaboration Lab

- Scientist
- Facilitator
- Social development practitioner
- Iwi

### Research team

- Cultivate partners
- AGR
- Kahungunu Ki Wairarapa
- PFR
- Landcare
- NIWA/ESR
- ANU Canberra

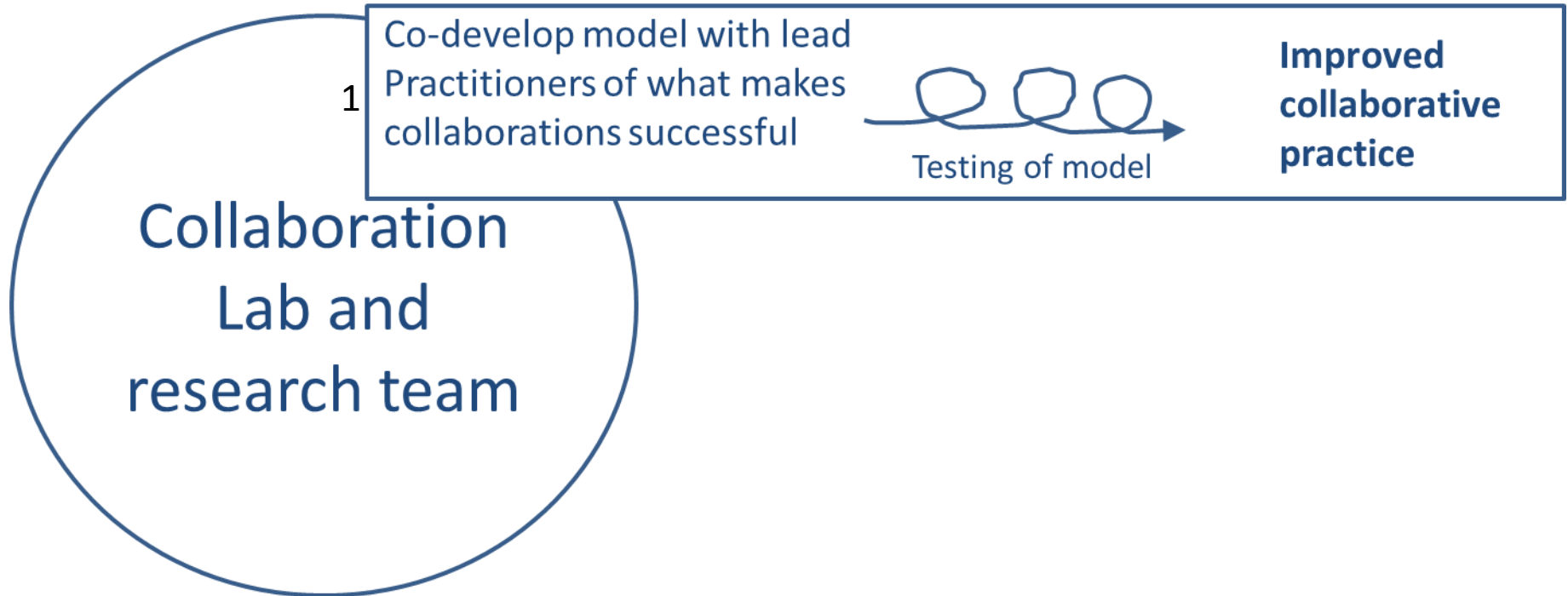


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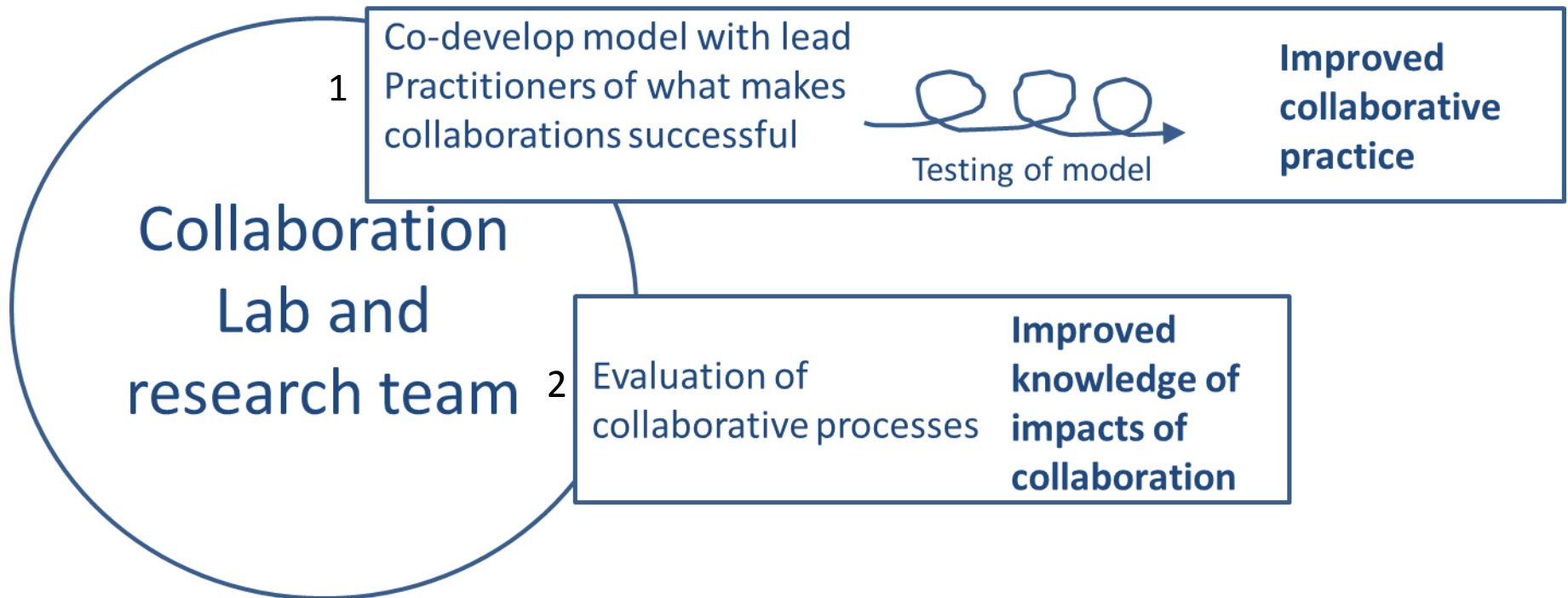
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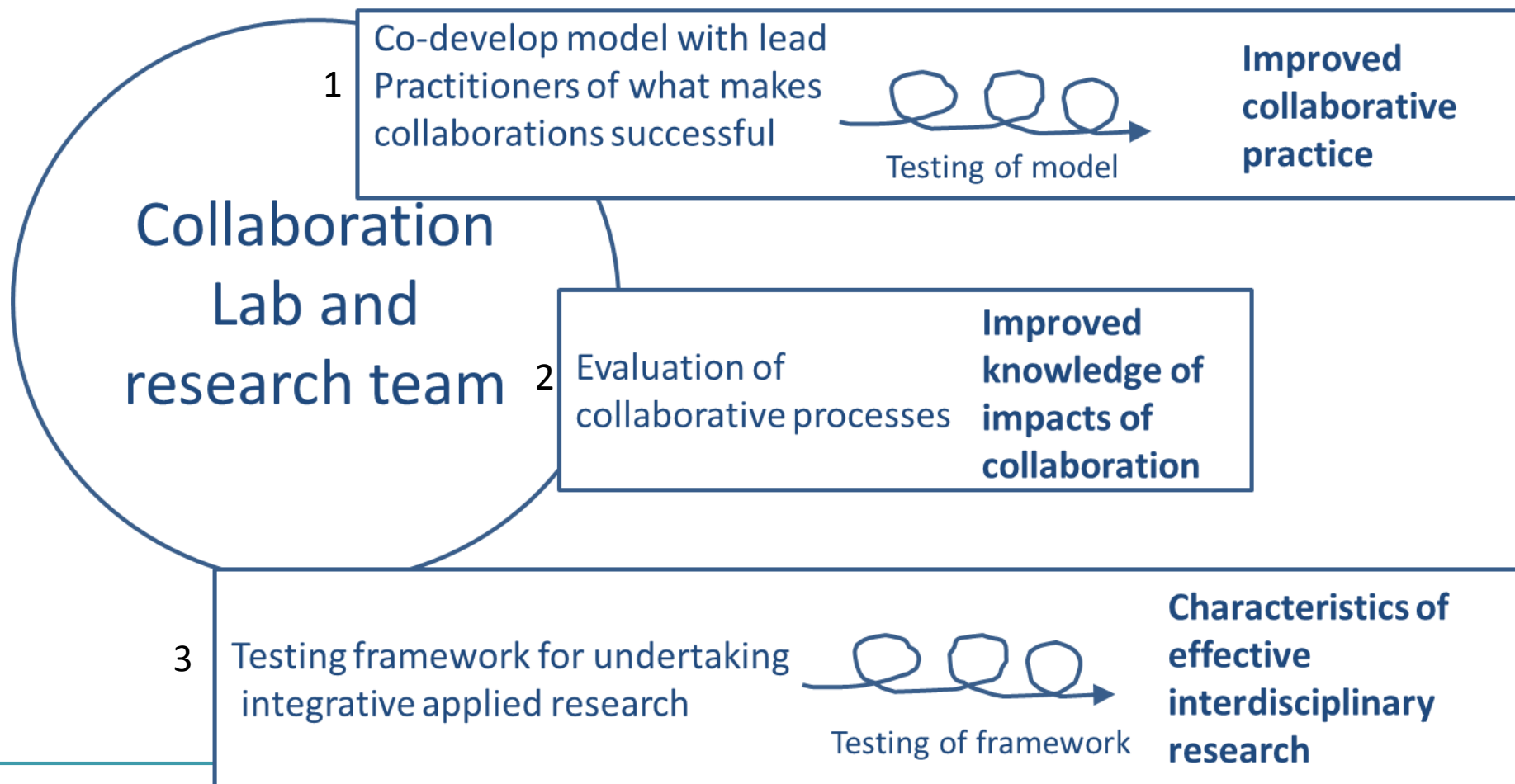


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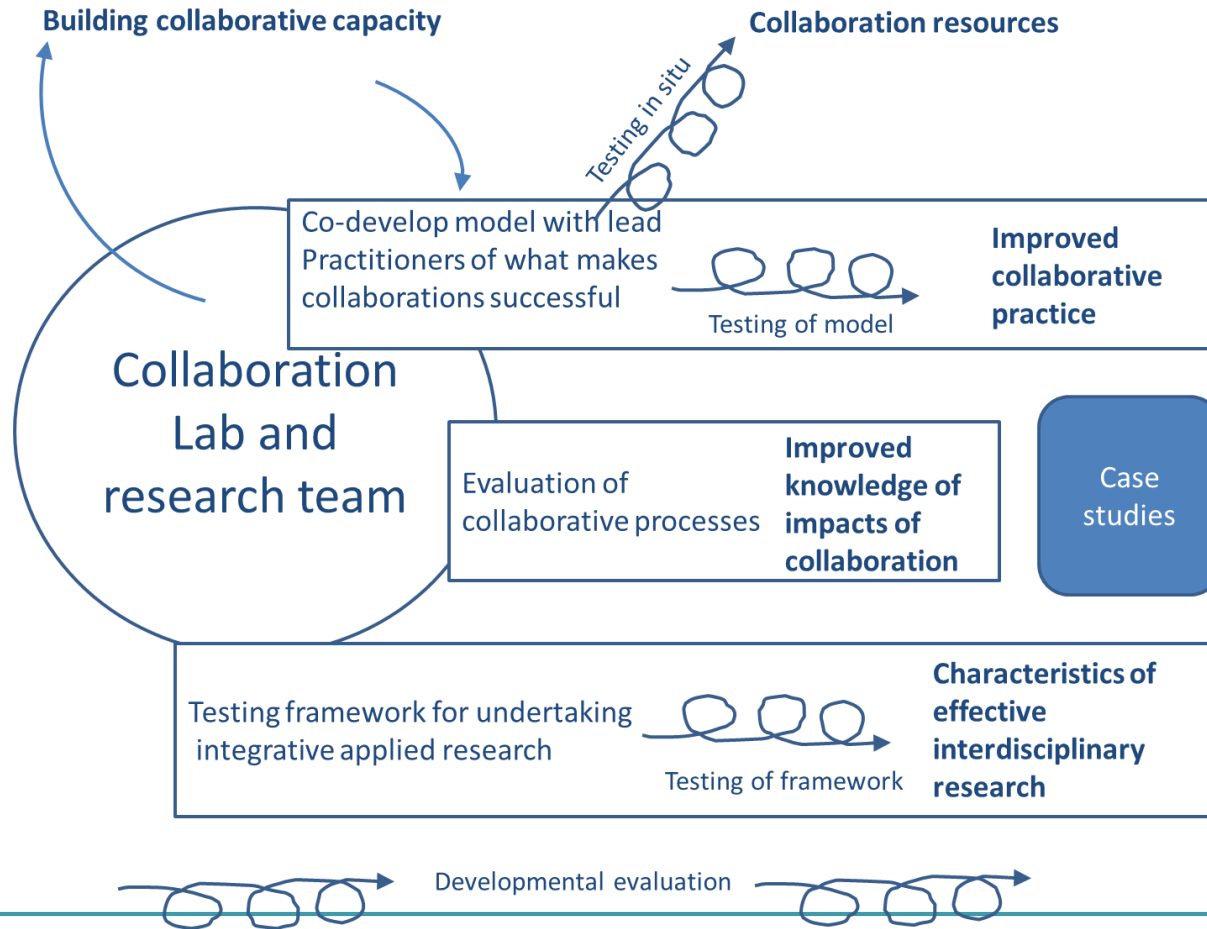




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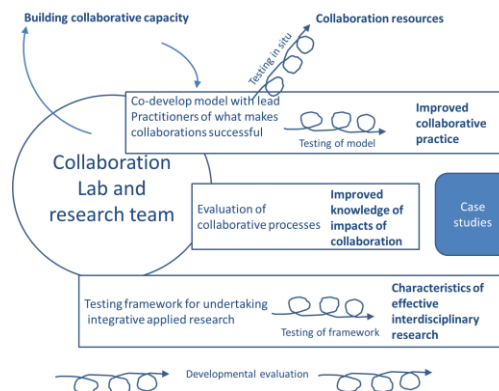
# Collaboration Lab connections

OLW Challenge

Other Challenges

MfE & Collaborative exchange

Other collaboration research programmes



Case study participants

Lab participant networks

LAWF

Research team networks

Regional Councils

Public outreach

Māori,  
RCs,  
science,  
MSD

# In a nutshell

## Collaboration Lab:

- Participatory - including the users of the research in the research itself
- Weave together centuries of focused practice in Maori tikanga and leading innovative edge of current collaborative practice to form new mātauranga
- Build evidence of whether and how collaboration leads to improved outcomes including characteristics of the underpinning research
- The way the lab works will build capacity concurrently





# Questions

